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Viet Cong Killers Favor Love-And-Home Poetry

Editor of the Press Herald:

Within the past 6 days, I have learned four different news items. The first item was in the Portland Sunday Telegram and concerned a lady with four children. This brave woman manages to care for her children and her home on an income of \$154 per month. She receives aid from the state. To this unfortunate woman, a bag of walnuts is considered a big treat.

The second item was in the Press Herald. It concerned a football player. A young man named Anderson had signed a contract to play football for five years. His salary will be \$50,000 per year plus a \$250,000 bonus.

The third item was found in a book called "The Invisible Government." This item concerns the United States Government and the Central Intelligence Agency. It seems the CIA successfully stopped the "Communist menace" in Guatemala and Iran a few years ago. Strangely, today in Guatemala the average pay for a worker is \$1.36 per day; 2% of the population owns more than 70% of the land; 70% of the population are not allowed to vote and the government has a Defense Committee which meets in secret and can declare anyone a Communist with no right of appeal. In Iran today the per capita income is \$175 per year. This is after we got rid of the "Communist menace." I'm sure it is only a coincidence that the United Fruit Company controls most of the land in Guatemala and many American oil companies have major interests in Iran.

The last bit of news I gathered from a news program on television today. An American military man was being interviewed. When asked if there was anything unusual found among the personal effects of the Viet Cong, the American stated that they very often found a book of poems—poems about love and home.

Though these items seem disparate, they all seem to raise interesting questions.

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